

Mrs. MORELLA. Mr. Speaker, I rise to express my disappointment that the rule on this bill does not include an amendment that I introduced to provide affordable access to advanced telecommunication technologies for schools, libraries, and rural health care facilities.

In title I, section 246(b)(5) of this bill, the committee expresses its intent that students in our public schools should have access to advanced telecommunications technologies as one of the fundamental principles of universal service. This is an important and historic commitment. However, the bill does not address the issue of affordability of such access, nor does it include provisions addressing libraries and rural health care facilities. This was the amendment I introduced with Congressmen ORTON and NEY and Congresswoman LOFGREN. The bill, I understand, refers to "reasonable" rates. Reasonable rates by what standards? "Affordable" would have ensured that all schools, nationwide, would have access to the information superhighway.

I want to clarify that my amendment would not have imposed a financial burden on telecom providers. In the bill, universal service is being redefined by the Federal Communications Commission [FCC] based on recommendations by this joint board. In my amendment, schools and libraries would pay "affordable" rates as defined by a joint Federal-State universal service board.

Most schools simply cannot afford advanced telecommunications services. At present, less than 3 percent of classrooms in the United States have access to the Internet. This will not change unless we make access for schools affordable.

The Senate has wisely added provisions to ensure access at a discount price for schools, libraries, and rural health care facilities. I am pleased the Commerce Committee chairman has stated his agreement to working with me to include this provision in conference. In a Nation rich in information, we can no longer rely on the skills of the industrial age. All of our students must be guaranteed access to a high quality of education regardless of where they live or how much money they make. We must ensure that the emerging telecommunications revolution does not leave our critical public institutions behind.

Mr. LINDER. Mr. Speaker, I have no further requests for time, and I move the previous question on the resolution.

The previous question was ordered.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. EMERSON). The question is on the resolution.

The question was taken; and the Speaker pro tempore announced that the ayes appeared to have it.

Mr. BEILENSEN. Mr. Speaker, I object to the vote on the ground that a quorum is not present and make the point of order that a quorum is not present.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Evidently a quorum is not present.

The Sergeant at Arms will notify absent Members.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 255, nays 156, not voting 23, as follows:

[Roll No. 616]

YEAS—255

Allard	Ganske	Norwood
Archer	Gekas	Nussle
Armey	Geren	Ortiz
Bachus	Gilchrest	Oxley
Baker (CA)	Gillmor	Packard
Baker (LA)	Gilman	Parker
Baldacci	Goodlatte	Paxon
Ballenger	Goodling	Payne (VA)
Barcia	Gordon	Pelosi
Barr	Goss	Peterson (MN)
Barrett (NE)	Graham	Pickett
Barrett (WI)	Greenwood	Pombo
Bartlett	Gutierrez	Porter
Barton	Gutknecht	Portman
Bass	Hall (TX)	Pryce
Bevill	Hamilton	Quinn
Bilbray	Hansen	Radanovich
Bilirakis	Hastert	Rahall
Bishop	Hastings (FL)	Ramstad
Bileley	Hastings (WA)	Regula
Blute	Hayes	Richardson
Boehlert	Hayworth	Riggs
Boehner	Heineman	Roberts
Bonilla	Hoke	Rogers
Bonior	Horn	Rohrabacher
Boucher	Hostettler	Ros-Lehtinen
Brewster	Houghton	Roukema
Brown (FL)	Hoyer	Royce
Brownback	Hunter	Rush
Burr	Hutchinson	Salmon
Buyer	Hyde	Sanford
Calvert	Inglis	Saxton
Camp	Istook	Scarborough
Canady	Jackson-Lee	Schaefer
Castle	Johnson (CT)	Scott
Chabot	Johnson, Sam	Seastrand
Chambliss	Johnston	Shadegg
Chenoweth	Kasich	Shaw
Christensen	Kelly	Shays
Clement	Kildee	Sisisky
Clinger	Kim	Skeen
Coburn	King	Smith (MI)
Collins (GA)	Kingston	Smith (NJ)
Combest	Klecza	Smith (TX)
Condit	Klug	Smith (WA)
Cooley	Knollenberg	Solomon
Cox	Kolbe	Souder
Crapo	LaHood	Spence
Cremeans	LaTourette	Spratt
Cubin	Laughlin	Stearns
Cunningham	Lazio	Stenholm
Deal	Leach	Stockman
DeLay	Lewis (CA)	Stump
Diaz-Balart	Lewis (GA)	Stupak
Dickey	Lewis (KY)	Talent
Dingell	Lightfoot	Tanner
Doolittle	Lincoln	Tate
Dornan	Linder	Tauzin
Dreier	Livingston	Taylor (MS)
Dunn	LoBiondo	Taylor (NC)
Ehlers	Lofgren	Tejeda
Ehrlich	Longley	Thompson
Emerson	Lucas	Thornberry
English	Manton	Tiahrt
Ensign	Manzullo	Torkildsen
Eshoo	Martini	Torricelli
Everett	Matsui	Towns
Ewing	McCrery	Trafigant
Fawell	McHugh	Upton
Fazio	McInnis	Vucanovich
Fields (TX)	McIntosh	Waldholtz
Flake	McKeon	Walker
Flanagan	Meek	Walsh
Foley	Metcalf	Wamp
Forbes	Mica	Ward
Fowler	Miller (FL)	Watts (OK)
Fox	Minge	Weldon (FL)
Franks (CT)	Molinari	Weldon (PA)
Franks (NJ)	Mollohan	Weller
Frelinghuysen	Morella	White
Frisa	Murtha	Whitfield
Funderburk	Myrick	Wicker
Furse	Nethercutt	Wyden
Galleghy	Neumann	Wynn
	Ney	Zeliff

NAYS—156

Abercrombie	Browder	Chapman
Ackerman	Brown (CA)	Clay
Baessler	Brown (OH)	Clayton
Becerra	Bryant (TN)	Clyburn
Beilenson	Bryant (TX)	Coble
Bentsen	Bunn	Coleman
Bereuter	Bunning	Collins (IL)
Berman	Burton	Collins (MI)
Borski	Cardin	Conyers

Costello	Hoekstra	Olver
Coyne	Holden	Orton
Cramer	Jacobs	Owens
Crane	Jefferson	Pallone
Danner	Johnson (SD)	Pastor
Davis	Johnson, E. B.	Payne (NJ)
de la Garza	Jones	Peterson (FL)
DeFazio	Kanjorski	Petri
DeLauro	Kaptur	Pomeroy
Dellums	Kennedy (MA)	Poshard
Deutsch	Kennedy (RI)	Quillen
Dixon	Kennelly	Rangel
Doggett	Klink	Reed
Dooley	LaFalce	Rivers
Doyle	Lantos	Roemer
Duncan	Largent	Roth
Durbin	Latham	Roybal-Allard
Edwards	Levin	Sanders
Engel	Lipinski	Sawyer
Evans	Lowey	Schiff
Farr	Luther	Schroeder
Fattah	Maloney	Schumer
Fields (LA)	Markey	Sensenbrenner
Filner	Mascara	Serrano
Foglietta	McCarthy	Skaggs
Ford	McCollum	Skelton
Frank (MA)	McDermott	Slaughter
Frost	McHale	Stark
Gejdenson	McKinney	Stokes
Gephardt	McNulty	Thomas
Gibbons	Meehan	Thornton
Gonzalez	Menendez	Torres
Green	Meyers	Tucker
Gunderson	Mfume	Velazquez
Hancock	Miller (CA)	Vento
Harman	Mineta	Visclosky
Hefley	Mink	Waters
Hefner	Moran	Watt (NC)
Herger	Myers	Waxman
Hilleary	Nadler	Wise
Hilliard	Neal	Wolf
Hinchey	Oberstar	Woolsey
Hobson	Obey	Zimmer

NOT VOTING—23

Andrews	Moakley	Thurman
Bateman	Montgomery	Volkmer
Callahan	Moorhead	Williams
Chrysler	Reynolds	Wilson
Dicks	Rose	Yates
Hall (OH)	Sabo	Young (AK)
Martinez	Shuster	Young (FL)
McDade	Studds	

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Mr. CUNNINGHAM changed his vote from "nay" to "yea."

So the resolution was agreed to.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

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(Mr. OBEY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. OBEY. Mr. Speaker, twice in debate on the previous rule it was asserted that this bill is going to be debated tonight because that was my preference. That is absolutely baloney. For the last month, at the request of the majority, I have been trying to assist the majority to see to it that they finish all their appropriations bills before we recess for August. It has been my position from the beginning that telecommunications should not even be on the floor until the Labor-HEW bill is finished and until the defense appropriation bill is finished. If after that time there is time for telecom, in my view that is a decision that is made above my pay grade by the leadership, but I personally believe it is a disgrace that any of these bills, especially a bill

involving this much money, will be debated in the dead of night in such a limited time frame.

Mr. Speaker, this bill should not be here at all this week.

REQUEST FOR CONSIDERATION OF AMENDMENT NO. 2-2 OUT OF ORDER DURING CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 1555, COMMUNICATIONS ACT OF 1995

Mr. DINGELL. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that when the Committee of the Whole resumes consideration of the bill H.R. 1555 pursuant to House Resolution 207 on the legislative day of August 3, 1995, it shall be in order to consider the amendment numbered 2-2 in House Report 104-223 notwithstanding earlier consideration of the amendment numbered 2-3 in that report on the legislative day of August 2, 1995.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Michigan?

Mr. BARTON of Texas. Reserving the right to object, Mr. Speaker, could I inquire of the distinguished ranking member of the Committee on Commerce if that means that the debate on the Conyers amendment would not be tonight, but would be tomorrow? Is that the intent of the gentleman's unanimous-consent request?

Mr. DINGELL. Mr. Speaker, will the gentleman yield?

Mr. BARTON of Texas. I yield to the gentleman from Michigan.

Mr. DINGELL. The gentleman is correct.

Mr. BARTON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, Further reserving the right to object, I had asked for the same consideration. I am supporting the Stupak amendment, which is only 10 minutes of debate time, and it asks for the same consideration. The gentleman from Colorado [Mr. SCHAEFER], the gentleman from Michigan [Mr. STUPAK], and myself are in continuing negotiations, and it is quite likely that we would have an agreement so that there would not have to be even a vote on that amendment, and I was told that we could not do that.

Well, if we cannot do that, I am going to object to the gentleman from Michigan doing it.

Now if we can get unanimous consent that our little 10-minute debate can also be tomorrow, then I will not object.

Mr. DINGELL. Mr. Speaker, will the gentleman yield?

Mr. BARTON of Texas. I yield to the gentleman from Michigan.

Mr. DINGELL. Mr. Speaker, if the gentleman would permit, that has been discussed with the gentleman from Michigan [Mr. CONYERS]. He feels no objection. I have discussed it with other members of the committee and other Members managing the legislation. This meets the approval of the leadership on the Republican side.

I would urge the gentleman to go along. It does not prejudice the gen-

tleman from Michigan [Mr. STUPAK], who happens to be a very close friend and comes from the same State I do.

Mr. BARTON of Texas. If we could get agreement that the Stupak amendment, which is only 10 minutes of debate, could be tomorrow, then I will withdraw my reservation of objection.

Mr. DINGELL. Mr. Speaker, if the gentleman would yield, I have no objection to the gentleman making that unanimous-consent request.

Mr. HYDE. Mr. Speaker, if the gentleman will yield, the gentleman from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania [Mr. FATTAH] is just about to make a privileged motion.

Now we are going to get along here, we are going to have unanimous-consents, we are going to try and move along. Many of us share the discomfort of the hour. But look. We want to get out on our recess, but is the gentleman going to move to adjourn, because if so, it is going to be difficult to agree to much around here.

So, I do not know if the gentleman wishes to disclose what his privileged motion is, but I suspect it is going to be to adjourn.

Mr. BARTON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I am not sure of the parliamentary procedure, but, if I have the right, I would ask that the Dingell unanimous-consent request be amended so that the Stupak amendment will also be rolled until tomorrow.

Mr. DINGELL. Mr. Speaker, will the gentleman yield?

Mr. BARTON of Texas. Further reserving the right to object, I yield to the gentleman from Michigan.

Mr. DINGELL. Mr. Speaker, would the gentleman withhold his unanimous-consent request and let me make mine?

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will entertain one unanimous-consent request at this time.

Mr. BARTON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I withdraw my reservation of objection.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Michigan?

Mr. BRYANT of Texas. Reserving the right to object, Mr. Speaker, I would like to ask the gentleman what the purpose of wanting to change the order of consideration of the amendments is. Is he concerned that no one will be here to pay attention to the Conyers amendment if the unanimous-consent request is not granted?

Mr. DINGELL. Mr. Speaker, will the gentleman yield?

Mr. BRYANT of Texas. I yield to the gentleman from Michigan.

Mr. DINGELL. The gentleman from Michigan [Mr. CONYERS] had indicated he wishes to do business with his amendment tomorrow. I think that is a fine idea, and I would like to see him have that opportunity.

Mr. BRYANT of Texas. Where is the gentleman from Michigan [Mr. CONYERS], and why is he not making this request?

Mr. DINGELL. It just so happens, I will inform the gentleman, that I am, according to what I understand, the manager of the bill on this side, and I am simply trying to proceed and carry out those functions.

Mr. BRYANT of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I object.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Objection is heard.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Mr. FATTAH. Mr. Speaker, I offer a privileged motion.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Clerk will report the motion.

The Clerk read as follows:

Mr. FATTAH moves that the House do now adjourn.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Pennsylvania [Mr. FATTAH].

The question was taken; and the Speaker pro tempore announced that the noes appeared to have it.

RECORDED VOTE

Mr. FATTAH. Mr. Speaker, I demand a recorded vote.

A recorded vote was ordered.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were ayes 89, noes 216, not voting 129, as follows:

[Roll No. 617]

AYES—89

Ackerman	Hilliard	Mink
Baldacci	Hinchey	Mollohan
Becerra	Jackson-Lee	Nadler
Berman	Jacobs	Neal
Bishop	Jefferson	Obey
Brown (CA)	Kaptur	Orton
Brown (OH)	Kennedy (MA)	Owens
Bryant (TX)	Kennedy (RI)	Pallone
Clay	Kennelly	Payne (NJ)
Conyers	Klink	Pelosi
Danner	LaFalce	Rahall
DeLauro	Lewis (GA)	Rangel
Dixon	Lofgren	Reed
Doggett	Lowey	Richardson
Durbin	Luther	Roybal-Allard
Edwards	Maloney	Rush
Engel	Markey	Sanders
Evans	Mascara	Schumer
Fattah	McCarthy	Scott
Fazio	McDermott	Serrano
Fields (LA)	McHale	Slaughter
Filner	McKinney	Spratt
Ford	McNulty	Thompson
Frank (MA)	Meehan	Torres
Furse	Meek	Tucker
Gejdenson	Menendez	Ward
Gephardt	Mfume	Waters
Gonzalez	Miller (CA)	Wise
Hastings (FL)	Mineta	Woolsey
Hayes	Minge	

NOES—216

Allard	Boucher	Coble
Armey	Brewster	Coburn
Bachus	Browder	Collins (GA)
Baessler	Brown (FL)	Condit
Baker (CA)	Bryant (TN)	Cooley
Ballenger	Bunn	Cox
Barcia	Burr	Cramer
Barr	Burton	Crane
Bartlett	Buyer	Crapo
Barton	Calvert	Creameans
Beilenson	Camp	Cubin
Bentsen	Castle	Cunningham
Bereuter	Chabot	Davis
Bliley	Chambliss	Deal
Blute	Chapman	DeLay
Boehlert	Christensen	Dickey
Boehner	Clayton	Dingell
Bonilla	Clement	Dooley
Bonior	Clyburn	Doolittle